

NEDCC manual available online

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) has mounted the updated and revised third edition of *Preservation of Library & Archival Materials: A Manual* on its Web site. Edited by Sherelyn Ogden, the 350-page manual contains 51 technical leaflets, eight of which are new to this edition and the remainder of which have been significantly updated. Among the new leaflets are "Digital Technology Made Simpler," "The Relevance of Preservation in a Digital World," and "Preservation Assessment and Planning." Each of the leaflets fits one of six broad categories: planning and prioritizing, the environment, emergency management, storage and handling, reformatting, or conservation procedures. Funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) made this free Web access possible. The manual will also be published on paper during the summer of 1999.

The URL for NEDCC is <http://www.nedcc.org>. For more information, contact Gay Tracy, NEDCC, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810; phone: (978) 470-1010 ext. 217; fax (978) 475-6021; e-mail: tracy@nedcc.org.

PRESED-X updated

A newly revised version of PRESED-X, the preservation educators exchange Web site, is now available on the Regional Alliance for Preservation Web site at SOLINET. Originally created by Robert Decandido of the New York Public Library to allow preservation professionals to share course materials, PRESED-X contains course syllabi, workshop outlines, handouts, and exercises. Future enhancements include a searchable database of preservation trainers.

The URL is <http://www.solinet.net/rap/presedho.htm>. For more information, contact Christine Wiseman, Preservation Education officer, SOLINET, Inc., 1438 W. Peachtree St., NW, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955; phone: (800) 999-8558 ext. 241; fax: (404) 892-7879; e-mail: christine_wiseman@solinet.net.

RLG DigiNews

The February 1999 issue (v.3: no.1) of RLG DigiNews, the Research Libraries Group online periodical, contains a feature article "Digital Imaging and Preservation Microfilm: The Future of the Hybrid Approach for the Preservation of Brittle Books" by Stephen Chapman (Harvard University), Paul Conway (Yale University), and Anne R. Kenney (Cornell University). It also has a technical note "Lossy or Lossless? File Compression Strategies Discussion at ALA" by Robin Dale (RLG). RLG DigiNews is available at <http://www.rlg.org/preserv/diginews>.

UNESCO disaster preparedness document on Web

UNESCO has mounted "Emergency Programme for the Protection of Vital Records in the Event of Armed Conflict" on its Web site. Based on case studies conducted in Costa Rica, Croatia, and Gambia, this Web document includes a guide to developing such a program, reports on the case studies, information on risks and risk management, articles on specialized topics, and recommendations for appropriate actions. It is intended primarily for use by national archives threatened by war, but covers disaster information that may be useful to other organizations in other threatening circumstances. The URL is http://www.unesco.org/webworld/archives/sro_citra/index.html.

AMIGOS has moved

The AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc., including the AMIGOS Preservation Service, has moved to 14400 Midway Road, Dallas, TX 75244-3509. Their phone numbers and URL remain the same. Phone: (972) 851-8000 and (800) 843-8482; fax: (972) 991-6061; Web: <http://www.amigos.org/preserve.html>. ■

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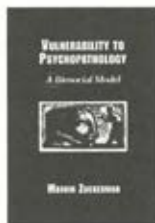
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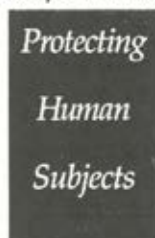
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